

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 641. A bill *to amend section 842 of title 18, United States Code*, relating to explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Torricelli

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S. 642. A bill *to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968* to provide assistance for unincorporated neighborhood watch programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Torricelli

Pages S 3052, S 3059

S.J. Res. 11. *A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Sessions

Pages S 3052, S 3063

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Smith

Pages S 3052, S 3063-4

Campaign Finance Reform:

Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 3005-19, S 3022-48, D 277

Withdrawn:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 151, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify individual contribution limits. (By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S 3010-19, S 3027, D 277

Schumer Amendment No. 135, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for Congress to consider and enact legislation during the 1st session of the 107th Congress to study matters related to voting in and administering Federal elections and to provide resources to States and localities to improve their administration of elections.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of **DeWine Amendment No. 152** to the bill, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 29, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon, at approximately 9:45 a.m., and a Harkin Amendment to be proposed to the bill, with a vote to occur thereon.

Pages S 3035-36, D 277

Nomination Received:

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an *Assistant Attorney General*.

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Committee Meeting for Thursday, March 29, 2001:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the recently issued final report of the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, focusing on the national security implications of the human capital crisis, SD-342.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/3/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine competitive choices concerning cable and video. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Immigration Subcommittee to hold hearings to review certain issues with respect to immigration policy. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/5/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine Department of Justice nominations. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

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Committee on the Judiciary: 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 1260. A bill to prohibit the cloning of humans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kerns

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H.R. 1262. A bill to *amend subchapter IV of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code*, relating to prevailing rate systems for Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Rodriguez

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 1266. A bill to ensure that no alien is removed, denied a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or otherwise deprived of liberty, based on evidence that is kept secret from the alien; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1270. A bill to *increase accountability for Government spending* and to reduce wasteful Government spending; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, Science, Resources, Financial Services, International Relations, Veterans' Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

DeFazio

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H.R. 1271. A bill to assist the internal opposition in Cuba, and to further help the Cuban people to regain their freedom; to the Committee on International Relations.

Diaz-Balart

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H.R. 1273. *A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to eliminate the chilling effect on the constitutionally protected expression of religion by State and local officials that results from the threat that potential litigants may seek damages and attorney's fees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Hostettler

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H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent Resolution on the Budget:

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011 by a yeas and nays vote of 222 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 70.

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Rejected:

Kucinich amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of House Report 107-30 and numbered one that was offered as the Progressive Caucus substitute (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 343 noes, Roll No. 66);

Pages H 1218-29, D 279

Stenholm amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of House Report 107-30 and numbered two that was offered as the Blue Dog Coalition substitute (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 67);

Pages H 1229-40, D 279

Flake amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of House Report 107-30 and numbered three that was offered as the Republican Study Committee substitute (rejected by a recorded vote of 81 yeas to 341 noes, Roll No. 68); and

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H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent Resolution on the Budget (Cont'd.):

Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of House Report 107-30 and numbered four that was offered as the Democratic alternative (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 69).

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See Page H 1256: Fiscal year 2002:

(16) Administration of Justice (750): This function covers programs that provide judicial services, law enforcement, and prison operation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Federal court system are all supported under this function. The policy of this resolution is that there shall be budget authority of \$32,400,000,000 and outlays of \$31,400,000,000 in fiscal year 2002, and budget authority of \$378,400,000,000 and outlays of \$374,700,000,000 over fiscal years 2002 through 2011. This is greater than the level of the Committee-passed resolution (which cuts funding for the Justice Department in nominal dollars) by \$1.5 billion of budget authority and \$1.1 billion of outlays in fiscal year 2002, and \$19.1 billion of budget authority and \$18 billion of outlays over fiscal years 2002 through 2011, better to address priorities such as but not limited to maintaining inflation-adjusted levels of appropriations for every program, specifically including: the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which provides funds to local communities to hire additional community police officers; all of the Department of Justice's law enforcement and legal divisions, the Treasury Department's United States Customs Service; the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF); and State and local law enforcement assistance...

See Page H 1258: SEC. 10. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAY.

(3) The President's budget proposal for fiscal year 2002 includes a 4.6 percent pay raise for military personnel.

(4) The Office of Management and Budget has requested that Federal agencies plan their fiscal year 2002 budgets with a 3.6 percent pay raise for civilian Federal employees.

(5) In almost every year during the past 2 decades, there have been equal adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

(b) Sense of the House of Representatives.--

It is the sense of the House of Representatives that rates of compensation for civilian employees of the United States should be adjusted at the same time, and in the same proportion, as are rates of compensation for members of the uniformed services.

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of House Report 107-30 was considered as adopted. Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to the Nussle amendment that made revisions to Sec. 2, Recommended Levels and Amounts; Sec. 3, Major Functional Categories; and Sec. 4, Reconciliation.

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Earlier agreed to H. Res. 100, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution by a yeas and nays vote of 282 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 65.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported **amended H.R. 718**, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Issues Raised by Human Cloning Research.

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: **H.R. 503**, Unborn Victims of Violence

Act of 2001; **H.R. 863, amended, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001.**

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, March 29, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on the Supreme Court. H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Custom Service Counter drug-oversight. 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on Drug Trafficking on the Southwest Border. 2237 Rayburn.

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Joint Committee Meeting For Thursday, March 29, 2001:

Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the recently issued final report of the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, focusing on the national security implications of the human capital crisis. SD-342.

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Remark:

Blue Collar Government Employees Deserve Better. (H.R. 1262)

Rodriguez

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:30 a.m., March 29, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., March 29, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich